

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A cleaning article comprising an elastomer sheet having a synthetic elastomer forming a cleaning surface, wherein said elastomer sheet has a maximum static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N, [said static frictional force being defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said elastomer sheet stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base]

wherein the cleaning surface of the cleaning article is substantially flat and has a plurality of depressions which have a discontinuous shape and are arranged regularly or irregularly.

2. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 1 wherein said elastomer sheet comprises a support of sheet form laminated with said synthetic elastomer.

3. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic elastomer has projections and depressions on the surface thereof or perforations.

4. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 2, wherein said support comprises nonwoven fabric or a film.

5. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 2, which further comprises a cushioning material, wherein said cushioning material is adhered to said support, and the elastomer sheet having said cushioning material adhered thereto is folded with said synthetic elastomer outside.

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6. (original) The cleaning article according to claim 1, which further comprises a holding member having a depression and a cushioning material having a projection to be fitted into said depression, wherein said elastomer sheet is attached to part of the surface of said cushioning material to form a cleaning surface with said synthetic elastomer outside on fitting said cushioning material into said holding member.

7. (previously amended) The cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer,

an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof.

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8. (previously added) A cleaning article comprising:

(a) a substrate having a first surface and a second surface parallel to said first surface;

(b) a synthetic elastomer sheet adhering to the first surface of the substrate and having an exposed cleaning surface wherein said cleaning surface has a static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N;

(c) wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer, an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof;

(d) wherein said static frictional force is defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said cleaning article stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight with the cleaning surface facing a carpet; wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base.

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9. (new) A cleaning article comprising:

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(a) a substrate having a first surface and a second surface parallel to said first surface;

(b) a synthetic elastomer sheet adhering to the first surface of the substrate and having an exposed cleaning surface having a plurality of small, shallow distinct depressions;

wherein said cleaning surface has a static frictional force of 9.8 to 29 N;

(c) wherein said synthetic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: an urethane elastomer, a styrene elastomer, an olefin elastomer, a vinyl chloride elastomer, an ester elastomer, an amide elastomer and mixtures thereof;

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B' (d) wherein said static frictional force is defined as that frictional force required for moving a 1 kg test weight having a flat rectangular base having a shorter side of 50 mm and a longer side of 75 mm and having said cleaning article stuck to the entire surface of said base of said test weight with the cleaning surface facing a carpet; wherein movement of said test weight occurs on a horizontally disposed polypropylene carpet having cut piles 7 mm in length at a density of a 1/10 gauge and 43 stitches/10 cm wherein the movement of the test weight is in the direction parallel to that of the longer side of said base.

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